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SUBJ: SWEDEN SIGNS PRELIMINARY BALTIC FISHING AGREEMENT WITH
SOVIET UNION

REF: STOCKHOLM 5036

1. SWEDISH PRESS REPORTED ON DECEMBER 23 THAT A PRELIMINARY
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SWEDISH-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON BALTIC FISHING HAD BEEN SIGNED IN
STOCKHOLM THE DAY BEFORE BY SWEDISH AGRICULTURE MINISTER ANDERS
DAHLGREN AND SOVIET DEPUTY FISHERIES MINISTER N.P. KUDRIAVTSEV.

2. THE AGREEMENT, AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, LEAVES THE DISPUTED
WATERS TO THE EAST OF THE ISLAND OF GOTLAND AS AN INTERNATIONAL
"GREY ZONE" IN WHICH THE RUSSIANS MAY CONTINUE TO FISH FOR THE

TIME BEING. THE COUNTRIES ARE ALSO REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT NEITHER WILL TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION TO EXTEND FISHING LIMITS IN THIS AREA BEFORE A SOLUTION HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED. MINISTER DAHLGREN TOLD THE PRESS THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE RESUMED AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

3. THE QUANTITIES OF FISH THAT MAY BE TAKEN UP IN THE "GRAY ZONE" ARE TO BE DECIDED BY THE BALTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION. IN THE OTHER AREAS OF SWEDEN'S EXTENDED BALTIC FISHING ZONE, AN EXTENSION WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT IN THE NEW YEAR, THE AGREEMENT JUST SIGNED PROVIDES FOR SOVIET QUOTAS IN 1978 OF 10,000 TONS HERRING, 12,000 TONS SPRAT, AND 1,000 TONS COD. THE SWEDISH AGRICULTURE MINISTRY ESTIMATES THAT THESE QUANTITIES AMOUNT TO ROUGHLY ONE HALF OF WHAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE FISHED IN THESE WATERS IN THE PAST.

4. THE SWEDISH COAST GUARD IS TO RECEIVE INCREASED RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE OVER FOREIGN FISHING IN THE COUNTRY'S EXTENDED ZONE, INITIALLY FOUR TO FIVE "ENVIRONMENTAL" VESSELS. THE FISHERIES BOARD WILL ISSUE LICENSES TO THE FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS WISHING TO OPERATE IN THE NEW SWEDISH ZONE. THESE VESSELS MUST MAINTAIN A LOG OF CATCHES AND REPORT THEIR DEPARTURE FROM SWEDISH WATERS.

5. THE PRESS SAYS THAT SWEDEN'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH EAST GERMANY ARE ALMOST COMPLETED, WHILE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH POLAND CONTINUE.
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